

WHERE AND HOW TO FURNISH!

A glance at the marriage announcements in the daily papers goes to show what a big order it is to satisfactorily answer the above question; besides, there are hundreds of people who only require a single article, a Drawing-room Suite, or a New Bedstead and Bedding, or a Sideboard, for instance. We rise to the occasion; we place our claim before the public with the following reasonable arguments:—

FIRSTLY.—We have an immense stock to select from. Our five spacious showrooms are stocked with Dozens of Suites for the Drawing, Dining, and Bed Room, Sideboards, Bedsteads and Bedding of every description, Carpets, Linoleums, and Floorcloth, and every requisite for furnishing throughout. And

SECONDLY.—We combine choice with cheapness. We are direct importers; this alone means a saving of nearly £5 in every £20. It is our aim to supply a really good article at the lowest possible price. We have imported thousands of homes in N.S.W., and people have told us, "We had a good look round before deciding, and we found nothing matches the best and your prices the lowest." A FEW OF OUR PRICES.

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, covered in Rich Silk Tapistry with plush bottoms. £4 17s. 6d.

BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING, Half-line Half-tester Bedstead, complete, with best double-wire mesh, £10 10s. 6d. £4 5s.

MASSIVE BEDROOM SUITE, Wardrobe with bevelled glass-front, fitted throughout. Matching Bedsteads, with best double-wire mesh, and 2 CHAIRS. £7 15s. 6d.

WRITE FOR OUR ILLUSTRATED FURNISHING GUIDE.

B. BEBARFALD AND CO., HOUSE FURNISHERS, 536 GEORGE-STREET (ONLY), OPPOSITE TOWN HALL.

MILK. MILK. MILK.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

SCANDINAVIAN GOLD MEDAL CONDENSED MILK, REDUCED TO 5d PER TIN RETAIL.

QUALITY UNEQUALLED.

SOLD BY ALL GROCERS.

SOLE AGENTS—

W. H. ARIELL AND CO., 335 KENT-STREET, SYDNEY.

"THREE GOOD THINGS" (MADE IN ENGLAND).

HOLBROOK'S SAUCE, WORCESTERSHIRE; HOLBROOK'S BEST ENGLISH PICKLES; HOLBROOK'S PURE MALT VINEGAR. "65 PRIZE MEDALS."

HOLBROOK'S SAUCE HAS BEEN AWARDED MORE PRIZE MEDALS

than any other Worcestershire Sauce in the World. It is SOLD AT HALF THE PRICE OF OTHER WELL-KNOWN SAUCES!

HOLBROOK'S PICKLES ARE SELECTED ENGLISH VEGETABLES PRESERVED IN FINE MALT VINEGAR.

HOLBROOK'S VINEGAR IS BREWED FROM THE FINEST ENGLISH GRAIN, AND IS GUARANTEED ABSOLUTELY "PURE" VINEGAR.

COMMON AND LOW-PRICED VINEGARS ARE MOST INJURIOUS.

NEW LIFE FACE POWDER IS THE BEST.

THE ONLY POWDER THAT IS ABSOLUTELY LIFELIKE.

NEW LIFE FACE POWDER Renders the skin SOFT and SMOOTH, removes Blisters, Pustules, and other Blemishes, while at the same time it is perfectly harmless.

NEW LIFE FACE POWDER. Sold in Tins at 1s and 6d by all Chemists and Druggists and by all Wholesale Firms.

ELLIOTT BROS. WASHINGTON, D. C. PATTERSON AND CO. B. HOFFMANN AND CO. AUSTRALIAN DRUG COMPANY.

BAXTER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Ltd. 25 QUEENSLAND OFFICES, BRIDGE-STREET, SYDNEY.

HEAD OFFICE—BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

MICK SIMMONS'S GREAT SALE.

EXPIRATION OF LEASE.

REMOVING TO NEW AND MORE COMMODIOUS PREMISES, NEXT DOOR.

Houses and Land For Sale.

SALE OR LEASE OF THAT VALUABLE WHARF PROPERTY, BRISBANE RIVER, FRONTAGE TO STANLEY-STREET, SOUTH BRISBANE.

MORIE, LUVA, AND CO'S WHARF, Recently occupied by Morris, Webster and Co.

THE WHARF has a Frontage of 400ft. to the Brisbane River, a depth alongside and about of over 30ft. low water.

The BUILDINGS on the Wharf, which consists of BOUNDED SHED and FREE GOOD SHED, both of Iron, are fully equipped with every necessary accommodation for the Discharge and Loading of Ships.

The Wharf has the great advantage of connection with the Southern and Western Railways, from the South Western Railways Buildings from the Main Line, run the full length of the Wharf.

The Property is divided only by Sidon-street from the Government Dry Dock.

FULL PARTICULARS can be obtained.

FARBY, LAMP, AND CO., BRISBANE.

RAILWAY MEN.—Here is a chance to secure a Home. Come to work, change your term, New Home 122ft. long, 20ft. wide, 10ft. high, 3 bedrooms, marble mantels, tiled hearths, large kitchen, lovely bathroom, tiled floor to ceiling. Mrs. Farby's new £20 per week, but best. Application invited. J. G. M'GILL.

THE LIMBO OF DEAD YEARS.

"97 AMONG THE SHADES."

The vigorous young year, '97, full of noble hopes and high aspirations, had passed the ages. The years have been getting better, so that the shades of death have been getting thinner, and the shades which now seem a tissue of thinnest. When two more years have come that company shall be complete, for it is years of the nineteenth century. And now hath the Earth for the many thousandth time begun afresh her journey. The mighty on of day, the master of the world, has given the power of the human mind to grasp.

Once again, 1897, will you and I and all the years be the shades of every year since the dawn of time. Spain is still the King of Old Father Time, and the spectre of the army of the dead. Innumerable was that ghastly array, for in its ranks ran out midship, and when the chimes fell into the Limbo of Death.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Saturday Evening.

To-day being New Year's Day no business was transacted. Throughout the week has been a quiet one in all banking and mercantile departments.

So far the negotiations between the banks for securing more remunerative rates of exchange on London have not been successful. The lowest figure quoted are as follows:—

Banking. Selling. On demand. £10 premium At 100/- eight. £10 premium At 100/- nine. £10 premium At 100/- ten. £10 premium At 100/- eleven.

The rates for colonial and intercolonial exchanges are as follows:—On New South Wales, 2½ per cent.; Broken Hill and Wilcannia, 1½ per cent.; on Queensland, as far north as Townsville, 1½ per cent.; Townsville and Southport, 1½ per cent.; Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia, 5 per cent.; Western Australia—Perth and Fremantle, 4½ per cent.; Coodeegee, Kalgoorlie, Randwick, 4½ per cent.; and Rockhampton, 1½ per cent.

Bank discount rates remain as follows:—For 12 months, 3 per cent.; six months, 1½ per cent. Discount rates are:—For three months' bills, 5 to 6½ per cent.; four months' bills, 6½ to 7½ per cent.; overdrafts, 6 to 7 per cent.

The following table gives the Bank of England figures, for Sydney, taken the following cargo:—

PRODUCE INWARD. MELBOURNE, Saturday. The Omaha, for Sydney, took the following cargo:—

510 tons, 200 bags, 150 cans fruit; 600 bags tea, 160 lbs wool, 60 cases hemp, 100 cans meat.

The following is a return of the principal stocks in hand at the end of the previous four previous years:—

LONDON MINING MARKET. LONDON, Jan. 1. The following table gives the stock in hand at the end of the previous four previous years:—

Imports. Casks. Exports. Casks. Stock in hand. Casks.

